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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE-PROCEDURAL VOTE ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 5150; USUN 5151

1. THE VOTE ON THE OCTOBER 17 SIERRA LEONE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE RESOLUTION ZIONISM WITH RACISM PROVIDES A GOOD INDICATION OF POSSIBLE VOTING SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS PROCEDURAL TACTICS TO PREVENT ADOPTPON OF THIS RES IN PLENARY. BEFORE THE THIRD COMITE ADOPTED THE ZIONSIM RES, SIERRA LEONE-- SECONDED BY ZAMBIA--MOVED TO POST-PONE CONSIDERATION OF THIS RES UNTIL NEXT GA. THE 45(US)-68-16 OUTCOME INDICATES GREATER SCOPE FOR PROCEDURAL TACTICS IN PLENARY THAN COULD BE INFERRED FROM THE FINAL, LOPSIDED VOTE ON THE RES 70-29(US)-29. IN PARTICULAR, THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR SUCH A MOVE--A MAJORITY OF BLACK AFRICAN

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STATES WITHOUT LARGE MUSLIM POPULATIONS WHO WERE PRESENT AND VOTING

SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

2. FORTY-FIVE COUNTRIES VOTED IN FAVOR OF SIERRA LEONE'S PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE ZIONSIM RES UNTIL NEXT YEAR: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BOTSWANA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, FRG, HAITI, ICELAND, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, KENYA, LIBERIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAWI, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAQUA, NORWAY, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, UK, UPPER VOLTA, URUGUAY, US, ZAIRE, ZAMBIA.

3. SIXTY-EIGHT COUNTRIES OPPOSED THE PROPOSAL: AFGHANISTAN, ALBANIA, ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BSSR, CAMBODIA, CAPE VERDE, CHAD, CHILE, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CAHOMIEY, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, EGYPT, GDR, GUINEA, GUINEA BISSAU, HUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LAOS, LEBANON, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALI, MALTA, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NIGER, NIGERIA, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, ROMANIA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UGANDA, UKRAINIAN SSR, USSR, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, CAMEROON, TANZANIA, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA.

4. SIXTEEN COUNTRIES ABSTAINED: ARGENTINA, BURMA, GAMBIA, GHANA, GRENADA, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, LESOTHO, MEXICO, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, TOGO, VENEZUELA.

5. TWELVE COUNTRIES WERE ABSENT: BHUTAN, BURUNDI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GREECE, MALDIVES, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SPAIN, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.

6. OAU MEMBERS TENDED TO VOTE ON THE SIERRA LEONE PROPOSAL ALONG ETHNIC LINES. ALL EIGHT ARAB MEMBERS (ALGERIA, EGYPT, LIBYA, MOROCCO, TUNISIA, MAURITANIA, SOMALIA, AND SUDAN) OPPOSED THE MOTION. SIX OF THE SEVEN NON-ARAB BLACK AFRICAN STATES WITH LARGE MUSLIM POPULATIONS ALSO OPPOSED THE MOTION (CHAD, GUINEA, MALI, NIGER, NIGERIA, AND SENEGAL BUT UPPER VOLTA SUPPORTED IT. A MAJORITY OF BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITHOUT LARGE MUSLIM POPULATIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORTED THE MOTION (BOTSWANA, ETHIOPIA, GABON, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LIBERIA, MALAWI, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE, SWAZILAND, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA); OR ABSTAINED (GAMBIA, CHANA, LESOTHO, AND TOGO); OR WERE ABSENT (BURUNDI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, SAO, TOME, AND PRINCIPE). TEN OTHER NON-MUSLIM BLACK AFRICAN STATES OPPOSED IT (CAPE VERDE, CONGO, DAHOMEY, GUINEA-BISSAU, MADAGASCAR, MAURITIUS, MOZAMBIQUE, UGANDA, CAMEROON, AND TANZANIA).

7. USUN WILL SEND FURTHER MESSAGE EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF  
IMPROVING VOTING PATTERN. AND RECOMMENDING STRATEGY BETWEEN  
NOW AND PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION, NOW SCHEDULED  
FOR AROUND NOVEMBER 11. MOYNIHAN

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